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In the Specification

Page 12, the paragraph beginning on line 16 is being amended as follows:

CFM 24 may also include additional value added features. For example, the CFM 24 may incorporate a DSL modem, eliminating the need for a separate modem. Other functions that might be incorporated include an Ethernet hub or switch, firewall or virtual private networking (VPN) functionality, quality of service (QOS) or RSVP services for local area networking, or other administrative functions. Furthermore, CFM 24 may be configured as a computer peripheral for a computer system such as 17 at the subscriber's premises, in which case the digital connections of the CFM 24 may be made via a Universal Serial Bus (USB), Firewire or other serial connection, or a IEEE-488 parallel port connection. CFM 24 could also be constructed as an expansion card for a computer system 17, in which case the digital connections of the CFM may be made via PCI, ISA or other internal bus connections.